

the parties to the proceeding. Any such request which is not made as a motion shall be placed in the public correspondence file and will not be considered by the Administration or any of its staff members or the presiding officer in connection with the disposition of the case.

(b) Written or oral communications involving any substantive or procedural issue in a matter subject to public hearing directed to a Member of the Administration, its staff, or the presiding officer in the case, from any individual in private or public life shall be deemed a private communication in respect of the merits of the case. These communications, unless otherwise provided for by law or a published rule of the Administration are deemed ex parte communications and are not to be considered part of any record or the basis for any official action by the Administration, members of its staff or the presiding officer: *Provided, however*, That this prohibition shall not be determined to apply to informal petitions or applications filed with the Administration; the usual informal communications between counsel including discussions directed toward the development of a stipulation or settlement between parties; communications of a nature deemed proper in proceedings in U.S. Federal courts; and communications which merely inquire as to the status of a proceeding without discussing issues or expressing points of view. Any prohibited communications in writing received by a Member of the Administration, its staff or the presiding officer shall be made public by placing it in the correspondence file of the docket which is available for public inspection and will not be considered by the Administration or the presiding officer as part of the record for decision. If the ex parte communication is received orally, a memorandum setting forth the substance of the conversation shall be made and filed in the correspondence section of the appropriate public docket.

Subpart T—Effective Date (Rule 20)

§ 201.185 Effective date and applicability of rules.

The regulations in this part shall become effective October 23, 1964, and shall apply only to cases which are designated for hearing on or after October 23, 1964: *Provided, however*, That the regulations in this part shall be applicable to cases designated for hearing prior to October 23, 1964, if consolidated with a case designated for hearing on or after that date. All other cases designated for hearing prior to October 23, 1964, shall be governed by the rules in effect immediately prior to such date.

PART 202—PROCEDURES RELATING TO REVIEW BY SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION OF ACTIONS BY MARITIME SUBSIDY BOARD

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AUTHORITY: Sec. 204, 49 Stat. 1987, as amended; sec. 204(b), as amended, 46 U.S.C. 1114(b); Reorganization Plan No. 7 of 1961 (26 FR 7315).

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§ 202.1 Purpose.

The rules of this part prescribe procedures relating to Secretarial review of any decision, report, order or action of the Maritime Subsidy Board (Board) pursuant to Department Order 117-A (31 FR 8087, 15331). Section 6 of Department Order 117-A is reprinted here for the convenience of the public.

SEC. 6. *Review and finality of actions by Maritime Subsidy Board.* .01 The Secretary of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as "Secretary") may, on his own motion or on the basis of a petition filed as hereinafter

provided, review any decision, report and/or order of the Maritime Subsidy Board based on a hearing held pursuant to (a) statutory requirements or (b) Board order, by entering a written order stating that he elects to review the action of the Board. Copies of all orders for review shall be served on all parties of record (which phrase includes the Board). Petitions for review under this paragraph may be filed by parties of record, shall be in writing, and shall state the grounds upon which petitioner relies. Ten (10) copies of such petitions for review, together with proof of service thereof on all parties of record, shall be filed with the Secretary within fifteen (15) days after the date of the service of the Board's decision, report or order. Parties of record may file replies in writing thereto. Ten (10) copies of such replies, together with proof of service thereof on the petitioner and all other parties of record, shall be filed with the Secretary within ten (10) days after the date the petition for review is timely filed. Petitions for review and replies thereto shall be limited to the record before the Board. If a petition for review is filed within the time prescribed, a decision, report or order of the Board shall be final fifteen (15) days after expiration of the time prescribed for filing a reply thereto unless the Secretary, prior to expiration of the fifteen (15) days, enters a written order granting the petition for review. If no petition for review is filed within the time prescribed, a decision, report or order of the Board shall be final twenty (20) days after the date of service of the decision unless the Secretary, prior to expiration of the twenty (20) days, enters a written order stating that he elects to review the action of the Board. If upon any review the decision of the Secretary rests on official notice of a material fact not appearing in the evidence in the record, any party of record shall, if request is made within ten (10) days after the date of service of the Secretary's decision on said party, be afforded an opportunity to show the contrary. The said ten (10) days shall constitute the period for a "timely request" within the meaning of section 7(d) of the Administrative Procedure Act.

.02 The Secretary may on his own motion review all actions of the Maritime Subsidy Board other than those referred to in paragraph .01 of this section by entering a written order stating that he elects to review the action of the Board. Any person having an interest in any action of the Board under this paragraph shall have the privilege of submitting to the Secretary within ten (10) days after the date of such Board action, a request that the Secretary undertake such review. Such request shall be in writing and shall state the grounds upon which the person submitting the same relies and his interest in the action for which review is requested. Ten (10) copies of such requests

shall be submitted to the Secretary. Any other person having an interest in such matter shall have the privilege of submitting within fifteen (15) days after the date of the Board's action, a written request that the Secretary not exercise such review. Copies of request that the Secretary undertake or not exercise review will be open for public inspection at the office of the Secretary of the Board. If either a request that the Secretary undertake review or a request that he not exercise review is submitted within the time prescribed, an action of the Board shall be final in ten (10) days after expiration of the time prescribed for submission of a request that review not be exercised unless the Secretary, prior to the expiration of the ten (10) days, enters a written order stating that he elects to review the action of the Board. If neither a request that the Secretary undertake review nor a request that he not exercise review is submitted within the time prescribed, an action of the Board shall be final in twenty (20) days after the date of such action unless the Secretary, prior to expiration of the twenty (20) days, enters a written order stating that he elects to review the action of the Board. Copies of all orders for review shall be served upon the Board, and upon all persons filing requests as herein described.

.03 If a timely petition for reconsideration is filed under the rules prescribed by the Board, the time for filing a petition or request for review by the Secretary under paragraph .01 or .02 of this section, respectively, or the entry of an order by the Secretary on his own motion electing to review an action of the Board under paragraph .01 or .02 of this section, shall, in the case of actions under paragraph .01 of this section run from the date of service of the Board's action and, in the case of actions under paragraph .02 of this section, run from the date of the Board's action, finally disposing of the issues presented by the petition for reconsideration.

.04 In computing any period of time under this section, the time begins with the day following the act, event, or default, and includes the last day of the period unless it is Saturday, Sunday, or national legal holiday, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or such holiday. The prescribed time for action by the Secretary in a proceeding in which additional days have been added pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph shall be extended by the total of such additional days.

.05 Petitions and requests for review by the Secretary shall not be filed:

a. Unless the petitioner shall have first exhausted his administrative remedies (other than a petition for reconsideration) before the Maritime Subsidy Board; nor

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b. With respect to interlocutory decisions of the Maritime Subsidy Board in actions or proceedings referred to in paragraphs .01 and .02 of this section.

.06 The Secretary may, for good cause and/or in order to prevent undue hardship in any particular case, waive or modify any procedural provision of this section by written order.

§ 202.2 Time and place for filings.

All petitions, requests and replies relating to Secretarial review of Maritime Subsidy Board actions shall be filed with the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation. Such papers shall be filed in accordance with the provisions of and within the time periods prescribed by Department Order 117-A.

§ 202.3 Form of petitions, requests and replies.

(a) All papers presented to the Secretary, other than records, shall bear on the cover the name and post office address of the party, and the name and address of the principal attorney or authorized representative (if any) for the party concerned. Certification shall be made that service of the paper has been made upon all parties of record (if any) and upon the Secretary of the Maritime Subsidy Board. One copy of every paper filed with the Secretary must in addition bear at its close the hand written signature of the party or attorney.

(b) All papers presented to the Secretary, other than records, shall, unless they are fewer than 10 pages in length, be preceded by a subject index of the matter contained therein, with page references, and a table of the cases (alphabetically arranged), textbooks, statutes and other material cited, with references to the pages where they are cited.

(c) Whenever a reference is made to a transcript, exhibit or other part of the record, such reference must be accompanied by a specific citation identifying the document and indicating the relevant page number of the document concerned.

(d) Papers filed with the Secretary should be logically arranged, with proper headings, concise, and free from irrelevant and unduly repetitious matter.

(e) It will not be necessary to reproduce the opinion of the Board.

§ 202.4 Petitions and requests for review—content.

Petitions and requests for review shall contain in the order here indicated—

(a) A reference to the decision, report, order or action of the Board;

(b) A concise statement of the interest of the party submitting the paper;

(c) A concise summary statement of the case containing that which is material to the consideration of the questions presented;

(d) A listing of each of the grounds upon which the party seeking review relies, expressed in the terms and circumstances of the case, each ground set forth in a separate, numbered paragraph;

(e) The argument, generally amplifying the material in paragraph (d) of this section and exhibiting clearly the points of law, policy and fact being presented, citing the authorities, statutes and other material relied upon. The argument should separately identify and treat each of the grounds upon which review is sought. In cases where reversible legal error is contended, a full legal argument on the points concerned should be presented. In cases where policy error is contended, it should be pointed out what policy of the Board is alleged to be wrong, what is wrong with it and what policy the submitting party advocates as the correct one. In cases where reversible factual error is contended, the findings of fact alleged to be erroneous should be pointed out along with citations to the record where appropriate. The party should further indicate precisely what it contends to be the correct findings of fact, with supporting references;

(f) A conclusion, specifying with particularity the action which the submitting party believes the Secretary should take.

§ 202.5 Replies and requests that review not be exercised—content.

Replies and requests that review not be exercised shall contain in the order here indicated—

(a) A reference to the decision, report, order, or action of the Board;